



# **Tithepit Shaw Lane, Warlingham**

## **26 March 2004**

### **KEY ISSUE**

To address concerns and objections following the advertising of a Public Notice to introduce traffic calming measures to Tithepit Shaw Lane

### **SUMMARY**

This report summarises the objections received and suggests ways forward in resolving traffic problems in Warlingham

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked:

- a) to agree the construction of a puffin crossing without a hump on the D1382 Tithepit Shaw Lane, located between the two entrances to Warlingham County Secondary School.
- b) in view of the objections received, to put on hold any further consideration of traffic calming measures in Tithepit Shaw Lane, until after the completion of the scheme currently being constructed by the London Borough of Croydon in the Wentworth Way area and the following schemes which are included in the LTP: the three pedestrian refuges on the B269 Limpsfield Road, Warlingham to Hamsey Green, the zebra crossing in Westhall Road and the above Tithepit Shaw Lane puffin crossing.
- c) to agree that, when the above schemes are completed, the traffic study (which was previously agreed would take place 6 months after completion of the LB Croydon Scheme) will be carried out, and further consultation will take place on traffic issues in Warlingham

## **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

1. At their meeting of the 26 September 2003 the Committee received a report exploring the issues around progressing a Safe Routes to Schools project with the London Borough of Croydon for the Warlingham and Hamsey Green schools, following recommendations made by a Joint Member Task Group which involved a consultation exercise being carried out. The report detailed the results of the consultation and gave recommendations for a way forward.

2. It was resolved that the Committee agree:

to advertise a Notice to introduce the traffic calming measures as shown on drawing number TH237 1/2, as well as a Notice to introduce a raised pelican crossing.

Subject to no objections being received, to progress with the implementation of the humped pelican crossing with the budget available this year, with an expectation to complete the proposed scheme with funds from the Local Transportation Plan in 2004/05.

3. At the same meeting a report on the Wentworth Way, Hamsey Green Traffic Calming Proposals made by the London Borough of Croydon was considered in conjunction with the previous report as it addressed the same problem but from a different perspective. The Committee was informed of the possible effect on roads in Tandridge of the Scheme being implemented in LB Croydon.
4. It was resolved that: Funding, estimated at £5,000, to be taken from the £20,000 allocation for dropped kerbs, to undertake traffic surveys in the Warlingham Area prior to the introduction of the Wentworth Way Area traffic calming measures and that a traffic study in the Warlingham Area be funded approximately 6 months after the completion of those measures.

## **ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY**

5. Since then the necessary public notices were advertised on 22nd January 2004 giving details of the proposals and offered four weeks for comments and objections. Upon writing this report 40 letters objecting to the traffic calming proposals in Tithepit Shaw Lane have been received from residents living between 103 and 257 Hillbury Road and a letter expressing concern has been received from Warlingham Parish Council. No objections to the proposed Puffin Crossing have been received. Copies of the Letters of Objection from residents and the letter from Warlingham Parish Council will be available at the meeting.
6. There are three main areas of concern: the first being that traffic calming on Tithepit Shaw Lane would divert traffic onto Hillbury Road. The second is the need for traffic calming on Hillbury Road itself and the third was due to the lack of consultation.
7. At the meeting on 26 September it was reported that there was a possibility that the introduction of a scheme in Tithepit Shaw Lane could possibly divert traffic onto the surrounding network and for that reason before and after surveys were proposed. The "before" surveys have now been completed and two way speed, volume and classification information is available from six locations in the surrounding area. A Plan showing these will be displayed at the meeting.

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8. As well as the LB Croydon Scheme in the Wentworth Way area there are other traffic related Schemes in the Surrey County Council Local Transport Plan and in the immediate locality which are about to be implemented and which will have a bearing on traffic and road safety in Warlingham. These are: 3 traffic islands in Limpsfield Road, A Zebra Crossing in Westhall Road by Warlingham Green and the aforementioned Puffin Crossing in Tithepit Shaw Lane.
9. Detailed discussions have taken place with local members and, in view of the objections received, it now seems appropriate not to proceed at the moment with the traffic calming in Tithepit Shaw Lane but to go ahead with the other measures detailed above and to install the Puffin Crossing, as quickly as possible, but without a hump. When all these are complete another traffic survey should be undertaken before carrying out a detailed consultation exercise with the Community, the point being made that such consultation be held at a venue in the centre of Warlingham to ensure that the widest views are obtained.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. Members have previously agreed to funding £31,000 from the 2003/04 allocation for the introduction of the raised puffin crossing, and a further £29,000 from the 2004/05 allocation for the traffic calming of Tithepit Shaw Lane. A further £5,000 was also agreed to undertake traffic surveys in the Warlingham Area prior to the introduction of the Wentworth Way Area traffic calming measures. An item to enable Members to give initial consideration to The Local Transport Plan for 2004/2005 is included elsewhere on this agenda and the costs of all the Schemes outlined above are detailed in that Report.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Previous Reports to the Local Committee on this subject, letters of objection from residents of Hillbury Road, Warlingham and a letter dated 11 February 2004 from the Clerk to Warlingham Parish Council.

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